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### Israel and US Sign Cyber Cooperation

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The agreement covers efforts by the two countries to deal with cyber events, cyber defense, building partnerships with the private sector, and research and development. It places special emphasis on the establishment of networks and procedures between Israel's National Cyber Security Authority and its US counterpart in the Department of Homeland Security in order to facilitate the sharing of information on cyber defense in real time.

Israel and the US signed on Tuesday a joint declaration on operative cyber defense cooperation.

The declaration expresses the vital nature of international cooperation in order to effectively deal with joint threats in the cyber sphere, "especially given the commitment of the US and Israeli governments to expand and deepen bilateral cooperation in cyber defense, which has grown in recent years," Israel said in a statement.

Israeli and US officials sign the joint cyber

security agreement.

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Israel w as represented by National Cyber Bureau (INCB) Head Dr. Eviatar Matania and National Cyber Security Authority Head Buky Carmeli, and the US w as represented by Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas and Under Secretary of Homeland Security (National Protection and Programs Directorate) Suzanne Spaulding.

The declaration covers efforts by the two countries regarding aspects of managing cyber events, the cyber defense of critical infrastructures, building partnerships with the private sector, and research and development regarding innovative technologies and solutions.

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Keeping with its unique position as

a global leader in the field, Israel

will be among the first countries in

the w orld to join the DHS Automated Indicator Sharing initiative, w hich is designed to create an automated platform betw een governments and companies for the efficient and rapid sharing of information in order to thw art or deal w ith cyber attacks. The senior DHS delegation participated in the 6th Annual International Cyber security Conference at Tel Aviv University, w hich is being attended by government, industry

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